

***“As
advocates
we are
committed to
change. We
need to
recognize
that change
takes time
and that
advocacy is
a process.”***

Ed Turner

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Virginia Commonwealth University, Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Workplace Supports along with MCV's Model Systems Project in collaboration with the Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS) is proud to sponsor the Self-Advocacy Leadership Institute. Join us and learn about your rights and obtain the self-advocacy skills needed to access assistive technology and services. *Deadline for registration of this event is May 20, 2001. There is NO FEE to attend this Institute.*

DATE: June 5 - 6, 2001
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Radisson Hotel
301 West Franklin St.
Richmond, VA 23220
PHONE: (804) 644-9871

Individuals can call the hotel for directions and also to make their room reservations. Please make sure you say you are with VCU, SCI Self-Advocacy Leadership Institute to ensure you get the conference room rate.

DAY ONE of the Institute new advocates will learn:

- laws regarding access to the community;
- rights to employment services and opportunities;
- how to balance benefits while pursuing a career;
- use of assistive technology, personal assistance services, and other valuable information; and
- exciting new SSA work incentives.

DAY TWO of the Institute current mentors will refresh their knowledge in:

- effective communication techniques;
- interacting with customers in and out of the hospital setting;
- problem solving techniques and negotiation skills; and
- helping customers develop effective personal action plans.

Both days will be filled with interactive activities designed to assist new advocates and mentors to practice skills and knowledge in scenarios which occur everyday.

If you are interested in attending this Institute please complete the registration form and return it to the address indicated. If you have any questions about content, time, location, etc. contact Ed Turner.

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Self-Advocacy Leadership Institute
Registration Form

Please complete form in full and mail or fax to Ed Turner at the address shown.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone No: (home) _____

(office) _____

(FAX) _____

Occupation: _____

Are you a DRS Customer? ____Yes ____No

Do you require any special accommodations to enable you to attend this Institute? ____Yes ____No

If yes, please specify: _____

Would you like to obtain more knowledge about:

____ Vocational Rehabilitation Services

____ Medicare/Medicaid

____ Legal Rights

____ Other: _____
